

Media release

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Online renewal of registration is now open for medical radiation practitioners

Online renewal of registration to practise in Australia is now open for 14,000 medical radiation practitioners.

Medical radiation practitioners who are due to renew their registration with the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (the Board) by 30 November can submit an online application now.

Under the National Law¹, all registered health practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year. Last year more than 96.3 per cent of all health practitioner registration renewals due by 30 November (12 professions) were submitted online. An increase of 6.3 per cent.

'Online renewal is quick and easy and it's fantastic to see an annual increase in the number of medical radiation practitioners using this secure service,' Medical Radiation Practice Board Chair Neil Hicks said.

When renewing online, medical radiation practitioners can also participate in the annual Health Workforce survey. Survey responses will help inform workforce planning and provide a comprehensive profile of Australia's current regulated workforce.

This year, the Medical Radiation Practice Board is inviting practitioners to complete a short additional survey that asks about innovation and advanced practice in the workplace. This will help the Board develop policies and professional standards that enable the continuous development of a flexible and sustainable medical radiation practice workforce.

The Medical Radiation Practice Board announced last month that it had reduced the registration fee to \$250 for the registration period from 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015. Fees can be confirmed on the <u>Board's website</u>.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is funded by practitioners' registration fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners with a registered email address by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The reminders include a link to online renewal.

Mr Hicks said medical radiation practitioners whose contact details had not changed did not need to do anything. However, he urged others to act soon if they had not provided AHPRA with updated information.

'Make sure AHPRA has your current contact information so you don't miss future email and hard copy reminders to renew,' Mr Hicks said.

'Registering your email address also means you won't miss important regulatory updates from the Board.'

Mr Hicks reminded medical radiation practitioners to carefully read the Board's registration standards which specify the requirements for practice.

'You could be asked to provide information in support of your declarations so it's important to know what the requirements are for registration to practise before you apply.'

To update your contact details visit <u>www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au</u> and use the appropriate link under online services for practitioners. You will need your user ID and secure password. If you do not have your user ID, complete a web enquiry form and select 'Online Services - Practitioner' as the category type.

Useful information for medical radiation practitioners is on the Board's website:

- <u>Registration standards</u>
- Registration renewal
- Renewal FAQ

For more information

- Visit www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au
- Visit <u>www.ahpra.gov.au</u> under *Contact us* to lodge an online enquiry form
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 03 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
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¹The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (<u>the National Law</u>)